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Primary Election – Tuesday, August 27th

In just over a week, the City Primary election will be finalized. I phrase it that way because many of you will have probably already voted by mail. For those who have not, and who prefer to wait until the last minute, I'm going to deviate a little from the normal newsletter format this week. Instead, I'll be preparing a brief "issues paper," one per day up until the Primary, the goal being to highlight some of the important topics we're facing at M&C. In that way I'll be demonstrating how key it is for you to make your voice heard at the polls.

Please invest the few minutes that it'll take to read these 'issues papers,' and pass them along to your friends and loved ones. I'll keep them concise and to the point. Broad participation in the Primary is the sign of an engaged public. I'm hoping to nudge you in that direction.

Here are the topics I'll be writing about:

Tuesday – Budget and Compensation

What are we facing in the next budget cycle, and what might that mean for our ability to fund compensation hikes for City workers?

Wednesday – Pensions

What is the status of our pension system, and how we might consider addressing some of the uncertainties?

Thursday – Economic Development

What have we done to encourage private sector development, and how successful have we been at achieving responsible economic investment in the community?

Friday - Land Use

What are some of the challenges with land use, and some of the ways we've moved from a policy standpoint to address them?

Monday – Spending Limit Proposition

What does the 'Home Rule on spending level' Proposition potentially mean for the City of Tucson?

Tuesday - Advocacy

In this paper I'll list for you some of the key areas in which I've played a solid role in terms of keeping our community safe and attractive. Some of those include:

911 / ban on steroids in racing Greyhounds / Broadway widening project / Legislature and protecting City interests / texting while driving ban / gun control / film incentives



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police
Department

911 or 791-4444 nonemergency

Mayor & Council Comment Line

791-4700

Neighborhood Resources

791-4605

Park Wise 791-5071

Water Issues

791-3242

Pima County Animal Control

243-5900

Street Maintenance 791-3154

Planning and Development Services 791-5550

Southwest Gas

889-1888

Gas Emergency/ Gas Leaks

889-1888

West Nile Virus

Hotline

243-7999

Environment

Service

791-3171

Graffiti Removal

792-2489

AZ Game & Fish

628-5376

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From that short list it's plain to see that we're about to take part in an election that will have fundamentally important ramifications in and around Tucson. That's why it's so important for you to exercise your rights, and vote on or before next Tuesday.

Finally, at 5:30 on the 26th, the day before the Primary, I'll be hosting a Council-on-the-Corner meet/greet at located at



on Speedway and Swan. I'm looking forward to sitting with those of you who'll be able to spend a part of that evening with me/us and talk about how our City is addressing those 'issues.' Come on over to the restaurant and let's share thoughts about whatever's on your mind.

So now, on with the 'issues papers.' I hope you find the issues themselves compelling enough to simulate the serious commentary that many of us would like to see result around the City.

Sincerely,

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